

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

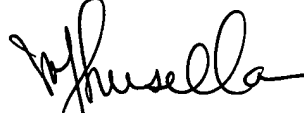
Claims 1 and 3-19 are currently pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 8-19, and still finds allowable subject matter in Claims 4-7. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Heinonen et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,438,385 B1).

Regarding the §102(e) rejection of Claims 1 and 3, although Applicants disagree with the Examiner for at least the reasons previously set forth in the Amendment filed on September 27, 2005, Applicants have amended Claim 1 herein to include the claim recitations found in objected to Claim 4, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Likewise, Claim 4 has been cancelled, and Claims 5-7 have been amended herein to depend on Claim 1, and so as not to depend on cancelled Claim 4. Accordingly, it is believed that the §102(e) rejection is rendered moot. As such, withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of Claims 1 and 3 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 3 and 5-7, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on amended independent Claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of dependent Claim 3 and the objection to Claims 5-7 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 3 and 5-19, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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